

# Operator's Lesson Plan

## The Systems History

### I. Introduction

Knowledge of the law enforcement computer system will aid in understanding the need for the use of the IDACS/NCIC/NLETS computer systems.

### II. Objectives

At the completion of this lesson, the user will be able to answer test questions about the IDACS/NCIC/NLETS Systems.

### III. History

#### A. Pre-computer Era

1. No centralized wanted files.
2. Manual file searches took time.
3. Certain data difficult to obtain.
4. Chance of apprehension reduced.
5. Officers safety compromised.

B. Rapid exchange of law enforcement data was needed to serve criminal justice community.

C. The Chiefs of Police Association and the FBI developed the idea for a national system in October 1966.

### IV. Systems

A. NCIC (National Crime Information Center), Clarksburg W.V., operated and managed by the FBI.

1. Purpose is to provide centralized point for the storage and exchange of law enforcement and criminal justice information.
2. Original available files were Wanted Persons and Stolen Property.
3. Terminals located in each state control agencies and a few large metro agencies.

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- B. IDACS (Indiana Data And Communications System) Indianapolis, IN, State Police Headquarters.
  - 1. Purpose is to provide Indiana agencies a more efficient tool to exchange information.
  - 2. User agencies must meet the definition for a criminal justice agency as defined by NCIC.
  - 3. Functions available include: Indiana's Wanted Files, BMV Files, abandoned vehicle file, general message switching, and connections with NCIC/NLETS.
  - 4. Management/Administration.
    - a. State Police Superintendent
    - b. NCIC CTO, NLETS representative
    - c. IDACS committee
    - d. IDACS coordinators appointed by agency head.
- C. NLETS (National Law Enforcement Telecommunications System), Phoenix, AZ, managed by participating states & federal agencies.
  - 1. Purpose is to provide interstate message switching for all law enforcement/criminal justice agencies.
  - 2. Terminals located in each state control agency and several federal agencies.
- D. System Today
  - 1. Users include over 300 terminal agencies, which are responsible for handling traffic for over 1,900 law enforcement/criminal justice agencies.
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  - 3. Over 14,000 certified operators.
  - 3. IDACS transaction record of 873,776 was attained on March 8, 2002 and On March 15, 2002; the FBI's National Crime Information Center (NCIC) set a new record for transactions processed on a single day, with 3,295,587.
  - 4. There are 942 message keys in the OMNIXX system.